

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

SENSITIVE

Clinton/Gore '96 Primary Committee, Inc.) MUR 4558
Joan Pollitt, as treasurer)
DNC Services Corporation/Democratic)
National Committee)
Carol Pensky, as treasurer)

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

I. BACKGROUND

On June 17, 1997, the Commission considered the General Counsel's recommendations regarding the enforcement caseload in view of the considerable influx of cases arising from the 1996 election. See General Counsel's Report signed June 10, 1997. That report identified several complex cases, issues, and respondents thereafter categorized under the rubric "Major '96 Cases." At that time, the Commission directed the General Counsel's Office to assess how best to proceed on an inordinately complex enforcement caseload funded by diminished resources. In conjunction with this review, this Office has identified

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that would

be more effectively handled by administratively severing the case

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Complainant in MUR 4558 alleges a variety of campaign violations against major players in the 1996 Presidential election. Complainant alleges that the DNC violated contribution limits and disclosure provisions, that the Clinton-Gore Committee and certain Administration officials misused government property for political purposes

2 U.S.C. §§ 434(a), 434(b), 441a; 26 U.S.C.

§ 9012.

Because the complainant alleges violative activity that is far-reaching but specific to each respondent (i.e., one respondent's alleged activities are not necessarily related to another respondent's), this Office recommends that the Commission split this case

Specifically, we recommend that the Commission retain MUR 4558 with the respondent DNC and related allegations, sever from MUR 4558 the allegations regarding the Clinton campaign

¹ MUR 4558 respondents include the Democratic National Committee ("DNC"), Clinton-Gore '96 Primary Committee.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS

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Sever from MUR 4558 the allegations regarding the Clinton-Gore '96 Primary Committee, Inc., and Joan Pollitt, as treasurer.

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